

**PATENT**

Docket No. 960/121

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

S I R:

In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.98, copies of the references are is submitted herewith.

**Statement of Relevancy**

JP 11-147424 and JP 09-324668 are described in the specification on page 1. English Abstracts are attached to the Japanese references.

**Statement of Related Application**

The following application, which has been assigned to the assignee of the present application, is related thereto:

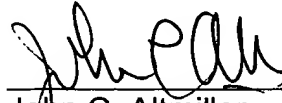
Application No. 09/671,259  
Filed: 28 September 2000  
Inventors: Hidehiro OBA et al.

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It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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